

THE ADVOCATE.

FELINE FELICITY.

A Fifth Avenue Household Pet That Is as Tenderly Cared For as a Babe.

Boarding the top of a Fifth Avenue stage going north the other day I witnessed an amusing as well as a novel sight. On top of this stage coach were seated several passengers, but what particularly interested them was a party of two handsome young misses, accompanied by a woman who appeared to be their governess and a pretty mulatto girl having on a nurse's cap and a white apron. In her lap, apparently sleeping peacefully, lay a baby richly attired in a long white dress, trimmed with old point lace of a fine texture, and a cap, a marvel of milliner's work, consisting of a mass of white lace and ribbons.

For a time baby's face was invisible. The younger of the two girls seemed more deeply concerned than did the other in the welfare of the nurse's little charge, for she frequently leaned over, caressing and speaking to it in terms of affectionate baby talk, and constantly referring to the many virtues, playfulness and the intelligence of "dear little Kitty," which was evidently the little one's name.

"Kitty" had by this time begun to show signs of restlessness. The nurse, trying to quiet it, patted, fondled and spoke to it in an affectionate manner, with no apparent effect, for it suddenly humped its little back and startled the passengers by moving with all the musical qualities of a full fledged feline, and what was apparently a precious baby turned out to be a bona fide cat with a white head, a face no prettier than the general run of midnight disturbers of peaceful slumber. The lower portion of pussie's body was invisible, owing to its long garment.

No amount of baby talk would soothe poor ruffled "Kitty," and the nurse was rewarded for her endeavors to quiet it by receiving scratches from her unruly charge. The younger of the ladies then took charge of pussie, bestowing more caresses upon it than would fall to the lot of one-quarter of the babies of the town. "Kitty" seemed to take more kindly to the young miss, who held her so that she could see everything that passed.

She rested quietly until the stage reached the stables, and the party alighted, evidently well pleased with their outing. They soon drew the attention of the urchins who were playing about the stables. One boy in particular, a messenger, seemed to have designs on little "Kitty," whose tail had become exposed, and which he frequently pulled, much to the annoyance of her outship.

The ladies became annoyed at the amount of attention they attracted, quickened their pace and disappeared up the street with the nurse and the much petted and dressed feline.

Verily the lot of this feline is one of felicity.—New York Herald.

Oregon's Mild Winters.

The climate of both Oregon and Washington is mild and equable. In western Oregon and Washington it is difficult to draw the lines that divide the seasons. Winter is usually a wet season, but there are often long periods of perfect weather in February and March. Flowers frequently bloom in the open air in January, and green fields of growing grass and grain may be seen all winter. Once or twice during the winter a few inches of snow falls, but it disappears rapidly.

At intervals of several years occurs a winter with ten days or two weeks of freezing weather and a considerable fall of snow. The summers are cool, and excessive heat is unknown. In eastern Oregon and Washington the climate is different. The dry season of summer is more protracted, the rainfall is less, and the heat is greater, though it is never excessive.

The winters are colder, but of short duration, the snowfall is light and seldom lies long in the valleys, and live stock ranges on the plains all winter, thriving on the natural grasses without other food, except when the snow is unusually deep or the cold period unusually protracted.—Senator Dolph in Forum.

How Lamp Chimneys Were Invented.
Lamp glasses were invented by Alme Argand, the inventor of the famous lamp and gas burner which bear his name. He had been experimenting for some time in trying to increase the light, but to no purpose. On the table before him lay the broken neck of an oil flask. This he took up carelessly and placed it, almost without thought, over the wick. A brilliant flame was the result, and the hint was not lost upon the experimentalist, who proceeded to put his discovery into practical operation at once.—Brooklyn Eagle.

New York's Constitution.

The constitutional history of New York is very different from that of New England. The first instrument was adopted in 1777, the second in 1821. Several amendments were added to this constitution from time to time, and a complete new constitution was adopted in 1846. This has since been radically changed in some of its most important provisions, especially in the judiciary article, which is again under consideration by a constitutional commission. The numerous and important amendments of 1874 were demanded by the growth of evils incident to the state's system of local government.—H. L. Nelson in Harper's.

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